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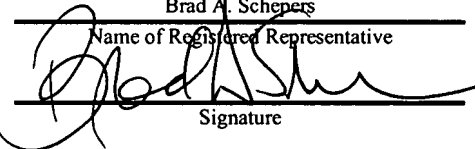
Re patent application of:)	Before the Examiner:
Charles L. Branch et al.)	Pedro Philogene
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Application of Serial No. 10/698,702)	Group Art Unit 3733
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Filed October 31, 2003)	Ref. No. MSDI-186/
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INTERBODY FUSION GRAFTS)	
AND INSTRUMENTATION)	October 31, 2007

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION (WITH RCE)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated July 17, 2007, please consider the following amendments and remarks. A fee in the amount of \$120.00 is remitted herewith for a one (1) month extension of time, thereby extending the time period to respond to the final Office Action to November 17, 2007. Additionally, remitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the requisite fee in the amount of \$810.00. Please charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 217 and 218 were pending in the subject application for the final Office Action dated July 17, 2007. Claims 217 and 218 currently stand rejected. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are hereby requested.